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REPLY TO EXAMINER'S ACTION

In reply to the Examiner's Action mailed October 31, 2001 (paper no. 8),  
Applicant makes the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

Replace claims 1, 4, and 5 with the following amended claims that have been rewritten in clean form.

1. A method for the identification of human subjects to be responsive to a cholinomimetic drug, said subjects having Alzheimer's disease, said method comprising determining the presence of *apoE4* gene alleles in said subject, wherein the absence of